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1. The previous action mailed June 2, 2004 stating that the information disclosure statement has not been considered because it lacked proper certification has been withdrawn and is hereby null and void. As stated in the communication from the examiner mailed March 24, 2004, the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted September 10, 2003 was in fact considered. After further review, the IDS submitted October 10, 2003 has also been determined to be in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and has been considered by the examiner. A copy of the signed and initialed 1449 is attached here with.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yolanda Wilson whose telephone number is (703) 305-3298. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00). I can be reached at a new number, (571) 272-3653, after October 15, 2004.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (703) 305-9713. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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